

R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:35 P.M. at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Frank Rego. Legal counsel Raymond Marcaccio was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pierce.

1. The Board voted to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015. Voting to approve the minutes were Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 5-0.

The Board also voted to approve the minutes of June 12, 2015. Voting to approve the minutes were Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 5-0.

2. A motion was made to meet in executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(7) concerning the negotiations and terms of the new vendor contract with Elections Systems and Software at 3:38 P.M., Chairman Richard Pierce, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Frank Rego, Rhoda Perry and Vice Chairman William West all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 5-0.
3. Meeting resumed at 4:02 P.M. with a vote to approve the new vendor contract with Elections Systems and Software for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Voting to approve the contract were Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Frank Rego, all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 5-0
4. The Board discussed at length the legislation S 0999 and H 6312 which makes the Secretary of State solely responsible for designing the specifications for the purchase and oversight of new voting equipment. Elections Director Robert Rapoza explained the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Elections and questioned the changes the passing of this legislation will have on both the Secretary of State's office and the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Stephen Erickson presented a timeline regarding the purchasing of voting equipment and the passage of legislation S 0999 and H 6312. Commissioner Rego commended Secretary of State Gorbey for the submission of the legislation. After a discussion, Commissioner William West withdrew a request for the Board to vote to convey to the Governor the Board of Elections position on the aforesaid legislation.

5. A motion was made to adjourn, Chairman Richard Pierce, Commissioner Frank Rego, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson and Rhoda Perry, all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 5-0, meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.